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SUBJ: HAWKE SEES WHITLAM IMAGE DIMINISHED

REF: MELBOURNE 1235

1. WHOLE HARRADINE AFFAIR (SEE REFTEL) MASKED FACT THAT  
ALP EXECUTIVE ONLY PARTIALLY ACHIEVED WIDELY HERALDED  
OBJECTIVE OF DISCIPLINING PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM, WHO  
WAS ORIGINALLY SUBJECT OF HARSHLY CRITICAL REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS  
INTRODUCED BY STATE ORGANIZATIONS IN VICTORIA, NEW SOUTH  
WALES AND QUEENSLAND. ALP PRESIDENT HAWKE TOLD LABATT  
AUG 5 THAT WHITLAM WAS MOST COOPERATIVE DURING  
MEETING, BUT HARDLY CHASTENED. WHITLAM INSISTED ON  
JOINING DRAFTING COMMITTEE WHICH CONSOLIDATED SEVERAL  
STATE BRANCH COMPLAINTS INTO SERIES OF UNIFIED  
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RESOLUTIONS. WATERED-DOWN RESULT CALLS

FOR CLOSER CONSULTATION BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AND CAUCUS, AND BETWEEN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP AND FEDERAL PARTY EXECUTIVE. WATCHDOG COMMITTEE WILL SUPERVISE COMPLIANCE AND REPORT TO NEXT EXECUTIVE OR SOONER IF NECESSARY. WHITLAM, ACCORDING TO HAWKE TOOK THESE RESTRAINTS WITH SURLY GRACE.

2. HAWKE CLAIMS, HOWEVER, THAT WHITLAM APPRAISAL OF ALP FUTURE IS "UNREAL," AND THAT PRIME MINISTER DOES NOT UNDERSTAND SCOPE OF "PARLIAMENTARY DISASTER" WHICH LABOR "SURELY FACES AT NEXT ELECTION." (HAWKE STILL THINKS THIS WILL BE IN DECEMBER, ALTHOUGH ADMITTING HE IS VIRTUALLY ALONE WITHIN PARTY IN THINKING SO.)

3. HAWKE'S PERSONAL PLANS ARE UNCHANGED. PRIME JOB FOR HIM IS REBUILDING PARTY FOR PERIOD BEYOND NEXT ELECTION, AS WELL AS PREPARING FOR ELECTION ITSELF. HE CLAIMS PARTY IS IN BAD FINANCIAL SHAPE, WITH SLIM PROSPECTS OF "MINING OLD SOURCES," MOST OF WHICH ERODED BY "WHITLAM STUPIDITY," HAWKE POINTED ESPECIALLY TO JEWISH BACKERS, BADLY BRUISED BY WHITLAM MID-EAST POLICY. OTHER POTENTIAL BACKERS SHAKEN BY FISCAL "CLOWNING," NOT SURE WHITLAM CAN BE TRUSTED TO RUN ECONOMY "ANY PLACE BUT DOWN." NEXT BUDGET WILL NOT BE WHITLAM'S, BUT WILL BE TOUGH, UNPOPULAR, INCREASE UNEMPLOYMENT AND WILL ALIENATE EVERY GROUP WHICH "HOPEFULLY VOTED LABOR INTO POWER AND KEPT IT THERE." HAWKE PLANS PARTY CAMPAIGN TO DIMINISH USE OF WHITLAM'S PERSONAL IMAGE AND EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF PARTY INSTEAD.  
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